

VACATION PREP CHECKLIST

If you find that you have been affected by cybercrime during your vacation,

FOLLOW THESE IMMEDIATE ACTION STEPS

- Call your bank, financial institution or credit card provider to inform them of fraud and close or change any compromised accounts.
- Change passwords and pins for any of your affected accounts.
- If your social media or email accounts have been compromised, notify your family, friends and coworkers.

For more incident specific help, visit [FightCybercrime.org](https://fightcybercrime.org).

BEFORE YOU GO

- UPDATE SOFTWARE**
Ensure that your software is current on all of the devices you plan to bring. Old software may have security vulnerabilities.
- PASSWORD-PROTECT YOUR DEVICES**
Be sure that your laptop, smartphones, and other electronic devices are password-protected before you travel.
- WRAP-UP YOUR BANKING AT HOME**
This tip goes for all internet tasks that handle sensitive information or involve downloads of any kind. It's best to finish these tasks while you're on your own WiFi.
- NOTIFY YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**
Let your bank and credit card provider know that you will be travelling so they can keep an eye on your accounts.

DURING YOUR STAY

- BE WARY OF HOTEL WI-FI**
Don't do any internet tasks that handle sensitive information or involve downloads on public Wi-Fi.
- USE A WIRELESS HOTSPOT OR VPN**
If you need to do internet tasks that involve sensitive information, use a wireless hotspot or VPN.
- SECURE YOUR VALUABLES**
Lock up any valuables, including any documents containing sensitive information, in your hotel safe when you are out of your room.
- CHOOSE YOUR PAYMENT METHOD WISELY**
Credit cards have more protection against fraudulent charges than a debit card.